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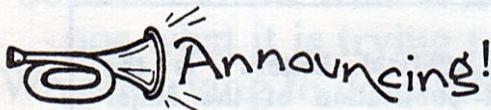
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MEETING

OCTOBER MUSTER CALL

date: Thursday
8 October 1992
time: 6:15 p.m.
place: Mess Call
Wyatt's Cafeteria
Hancock Center

Last month's program was brought by Greg Hector and guest, Kyle Etie, playing and singing Confederate Songs. This month Ron Trower will present an update on Ft. Magruder in Austin.



NEW SCV CAMP

Division Lt.Cdr. Carl Lehmberg accompanied by Cdr. Bob Brown traveled to Laredo recently to establish a brand new camp for the Texas Division and the South Texas Brigade. The new camp's name is Col. Santos Benavides Camp. The new commander is M.B. Bravo, Jr. Congratulations to Carl and Bob on a job well done.

CAMP NEWS

The Camp now has a square battleflag, trimmed in white. Come see it at the meeting.

Greg Hector journeyed to Waco in August to present a program of Confederate Songs. He will also present a like program at the Tex. Division UDC convention on Saturday, 3 October.

The Claiborne-Kyle Cabin in Kyle held their annual get together on Saturday, 26 September. Those showing up in uniform had a wonderful time. Too bad you missed the food and fellowship. Brigade Cdr. Kerry Hellums represented the Cavalry along with David Couch. Greg Hector, Bill Campbell, Matthew Campbell, and Cdr. Allen Matetzschk represented the Artillery. An information table on the SCV was manned by the troops. Greg Hector sang Confederate Songs accompanied on the banjo. Beautiful Southern ladies also helped in the person of Amanda Campbell (in period attire) and Donna Hector.

The Battle of Ogletree Gap (Copperas Cove) will be Halloween weekend. We have promised a uniformed trade for help at the Farm. Would you like to go for a little fun?



WHAT'S HAPPENED? -- EDITORIAL

In the early history of this camp around 1980, we struggled hard to provide members with a good camp and really had to cajole for participation. Then we went through a period where it seemed that our growing pains were over. Attendance at meetings was good--both members and guests. We had good participation at uniformed events. It seems that that period is past. Meeting attendance is very poor! We are suffering from a severe case of the doldrums and a lack of desire to participate in outside activities. Camp responsibilities and duties are not being carried out, perhaps due to lack of interest. Members who used to be regular do not attend meetings and fail to bring their families and guests. We have tried to make the meetings more attractive by altering the format and still attendance is poor. For the first time since the award's inception, this camp failed to win the distinguished camp award from the Division (awarded to active growing camps). Our programs are good, our fellowship friendly, and our uniformed events are entertaining and enjoyable while doing our duty to the Cause. What more can we do to entice your participation? Do you fit the descriptions in "Ways to Kill an Organization" elsewhere in this newsletter? More members were suspended for non-payment of dues this year than ever before. Ask yourself this question, "If my Confederate ancestor had been as dedicated to the Confederacy as I am to the camp and its activities, how well would the Confederacy have done in the WBTS?"

How To Kill An Organization In 14 Easy Steps

1. Don't attend meetings. If you do, arrive late.
2. Be sure to leave before the meeting is over.
3. Don't say anything at meetings; wait until you get outside.
4. Vote for anything, then go home and do nothing.
5. Find fault with your officers and fellow members.
6. Take no part in organizational affairs.
7. Take all the organization will give you, but give nothing in return.
8. Talk cooperation, but never cooperate.
9. Never ask anyone to join the organization.
10. If asked to help, just say you don't have time.
11. Never accept an office; it's much easier to criticize.
12. Threaten to resign at every opportunity! Tell others they are tolerating far too much.
13. Never read anything pertaining to the organization. You might find out too much.
14. Don't do anything more than you have to. When others willingly and unselfishly use their abilities to help the causes, howl because the organization is being run by a "clique".

QUOTABLE QUOTES

"The Confederacy never died; we (the SCV) are the Confederacy."

In our work to keep our heritage we should "be like the farmer's fence: horse high, bull strong, and hog tight."

"Make the SCV your only bank in town. It has your heritage in it."

"If he (our Confederate ancestor) fades away, it's as if he never existed at all."

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARK YOUR CALENDARS-IMPORTANT!

The following events should be attended by uniformed members. First, we are to provide a Color Guard and troops for grave marker dedications near Llano. We will mark one grave and the UDC will mark the other one. Respond affirmatively when Cdr. Matetzschk calls for you to volunteer. The date is 10 October.

Each year as regular as clockwork, we participate in the Fall Festival at the Pioneer Farm. All uniformed troops have received a letter of notification of this event. Your participation is expected. Plan to work either or both days. You will be called to schedule your participation. Cavalry, infantry, and artillery are called for. Don't let your camp down! The dates are October 17 & 18.

"A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about."

-Woodrow Wilson



WBTS HAUNTINGS

Inhabitants of certain areas tell of hauntings associated with the WBTS. On the banks of the Choctawhatchee River, Newton, Ala., a hole dug to hang a Confed. deserter in 1864 is said to be cursed by his ghost; campers who fall in the hole awake to find it "swept out clean." At Oaklawn Manor, Franklin, La., a Southern belle spotted strolling here caused a duel between soldiers. In a 19th Century house, Gilsum, N.H., the ghost of a young man who lived there before dying in the WBTS is said to sit in the kitchen, turning lights on and off. In Midland Park, N.J., a War era mansion is haunted by a number of ghosts including a yellow and white cat who leaves warm spots. At the Liberty Memorial Bldg. in Bismarck, N.D., the ghost of Gen. Wm. Henry Harrison Beadle is seen sitting in a classic car near where his statue once stood. At the Carlton Mansion, Franklin, Tenn., a lone Confed. walks in the house and marches around the yard near where 1481 Confeds. are buried. In W.Va. at Harpers Ferry St. Peter's Church, on misty nights, the dying words of a wounded soldier, "Thank God I'm saved," can reportedly be heard at the threshold of the church. How about that--believe it or else!



FRUITCAKES AGAIN

Ways and Means again offers fruitcakes from the Collin Street Bakery, 401 W. Seventh Ave., Corsicana, Tx. 75110, #903-872-8111 as a fund raiser. Prices include delivery and start at \$13.35. Please order one or more and ask credit be given to Camp #59, Sons of Confed. Veterans in Austin. Our treasury appreciates it!

CONFEDERATE CALENDARS -- 1993

Ways & Means will take orders for the 1993 Confederate Calendar up until December. The retail price is \$8.95 (same anywhere). However, the camp makes a commission if you buy it through us. How about it? May we have your order?

RESULTS OF POLL

A poll conducted at the Univ. of N. Carolina shows that 42% of adult Southerners don't know if their ancestors fought in the WBTS. Only 28% of those over 65 could not answer the question regarding whether any of their family fought in the War. Of the 819 adults contacted, a third said their ancestors fought in the War; 30% said they had not and 37% did not know. Households were surveyed across the South. Amazing! Is it that they are too far removed from that period? Or is it that only older people get interested in their ancestors? They will ask the question again in 20 years and see. We think we know that it is the lack of pride in their heritage which exists because of the schools' curricula and the attitude prevalent in today's society.

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